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1. PROPOSED TOASTS FOR USE BY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOLLOW:

(A) FOR FORMAL MEAL SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. MINISTER, ETC...

MRS. INGERSOLL AND I ARE TRULY HAPPY TO HAVE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT HUNGARY. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED
THAT MY FIRST ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE DISTINGUISHED
REPRESENTATIVES OF HUNGARY GATHERED HERE SHOULD OCCUR
UNDER SUCH WARM AND CONGENIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

FOR MANY YEARS I HAD HOPED THAT I MIGHT ONE DAY
VISIT HUNGARY, A LAND RESPECTED AND ESTEEMED IN THE
UNITED STATES--AS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD--FOR ITS
RICH CONTRIBUTION TO THE REALMS OF CULTURE AND SCIENCE,
A PEOPLE WHOSE SONS AND DAUGHTERS HAVE HELPED TO SHAPE
THE HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICA.

TWO CENTURIES AGO HUNGARIAN HUSZARS (PR. HOOSARS)
TOOK PART IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, OUR WAR OF INDEPENDENCE,
FIGHTING GALLANTLY IN THE SMALL ARMY OF GENERAL GEORGE
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WASHINGTON. HUNGARIANS ALSO FOUGHT IN THE UNION ARMY OF

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN; AND MANY, TOO, GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THAT STRUGGLE WHICH PRESERVED OUR UNION OF STATES, MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT TO CONTINUE, AND RESULTED IN THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY. THE GREAT FREEDOM FIGHTER OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION OF 1848, LAJOS KOSSUTH, RECEIVED A HERO'S WELCOME IN THE UNITED STATES. KOOSUTH WAS ONE OF THE FIRST FOREIGNERS EVER TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS. THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, MY HOME TOWN, SIR GEORGE SOLTI, HAS MAGYAR BLOOD COURSING THROUGH HIS VEINS. AND, EVEN OUR MARVELOUS CALIFORNIA WINES OF WHICH WE ARE SO PROUD HAVE A HUNGARIAN BACKGROUND. THE GRAPES WERE BROUGHT FROM HUNGARY BY A MR. HARASZTI, WHO WAS THE FIRST PERSON OF HUNGARIAN ORIGIN TO BECOME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS OF HUNGARIAN ANCESTRY LIVE IN OUR COUNTRY. MANY HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN THE ARTS, IN MUSIC, IN SCIENCE, IN EDUCATION, AND EVERY FIELD OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR. ALL AMERICANS ACKNOWLEDGE WITH GRATITUDE THESE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH SO MANY MEN AND WOMEN OF HUNGARIAN ORIGIN HAVE MADE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE ENRICHMENT OF AMERICAN LIFE.

EXCELLENCIES...LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: MY VISIT HERE IS ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF THE FIRM AND SINCERE PURPOSE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ACCELERATE AND NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE TWO PEOPLES THEY REPRESENT. THAT PROCESS, YOU WILL RECALL, BEGAN IN 1972 WITH THE FIRST VISIT EVER BY AN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE. PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE STATED CLEARLY ON MANY OCCASIONS THE COMMITMENT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO A POLICY OF DETENTE BASED ON MUTUAL INTERESTS AND RECIPROCAL BENEFITS, TO A POLICY DEDICATED TO STRENGTHENING THE PROSPECTS OF A LASTING PEACE BASED ON MYTUAL RESPECT AND GENUINE COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY ACHIEVED NOTABLE AND INCREASING PROGRESS IN THIS DIRECTION IN ITS RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.
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WE ARE COMMITTED TO SEEKING FURTHER STEADY UNDRAMATIC PROGRESS. THE CONCLUSION OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE ON THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION OPENS NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR ALL OF US. THE DECLARATION SIGNED AT HELSINKI BY THIRTY-FIVE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MANY PRINCIALES OF COOPERATION. DURING MY VISIT HERE I INTEND IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER

TO TRANSFORM THOSE WORTHY AND LOFTY PRINCIPLES INTO SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT WILL BENEFIT HUNGARIANS AND AMERICANS, ALIKE. WE FOR OUR PART STAND READY TO COOPERATE IN GOOD FAITH, BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND RECIPROCAL BENEFITS WHICH GOVERN RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVEREIGN STATES.

BUDAPEST IS VEAUTIFUL, A MAGNIFICENT CITY RICH IN HISTORY, RENOWNED FOR ITS WARM HOSPITALITY. DURING THESE FIRST FEW HOURS HERE, DURING OUR CONVERSATIONS EARLIER THIS EVENING, MY WIFE AND I HAVE SENSED THIS HOSPITALITY. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE MEETINGS AND EXCHANGES OF VIEWS OF THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

I WOULD LIKE TO RAISE MY GLASS AND PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE PEOPLE OF HUNGARY, TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, TO THE ABLE REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR CHARMING LADIES HERE THIS EVENING, TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR FORTHCOMING TALKS, AND TO THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS.

END TEXT.

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(B) FOR FORMAL MEAL SHORTLY BEFORE DEPARTURE:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. MINISTER, ETC...

I AM SOMEWHAT AT A LOSS FOR WORDS TO RESPOND TO YOUR

KIND REMARKS, PARTICULARLY AFTER THIS MAGNIFICENT MEAL
WITH WHICH YOU HAVE HONORED MRS. INGERSOLL AND ME AND
MY ASSOCIATES. ALL THE STORIES ABOUT HUNGARIAN HOSPITALITY
ARE ABSOLUTELY TRUE AND, IN THE WORDS OF THAT FAMOUS
AMERICAN HUMORIST DAMON RUNYAN, "WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT MORE
THAN SOMEWHAT." LET ME ALSO RECORD HERE AND NOW THAT WHILE
WE AMERICANS ARE INDEED GRATEFUL FOR HARASZTI'S HUNGARIAN
GRAPES WHICH GAVE BIRTH TO OUR FINE CALIFORNIA WINES, I
KNOW NOW THAT YOU HELD BACK A FEW EXCELLENT
STRAINS FOR CULTIVATION HERE. WHENEVER AND WHEREVER I
TASTE OUR RICH AND FRAGRANT CALIFORNIA WINES IN THE
DAYS TO COME, I SHALL NOT FAIL TO REMEMBER THE VINES
AND THE SOIL FROM WHICH THEY SPRUNG.

MR. MINISTER, I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR KIND
WORDS ABOUT AMERICA AND ABOUT THE FUTURE COURSE OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. DURING MY TWO DAYS OF TALKS HERE
WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES, I HAVE ENCOUNTERED AGAIN AND AGAIN
THE SAME COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING OUR RELATIONS WHICH YOU
HAVE JUST EXPRESSED SO ELOQUENTLY AND SO PRECISELY.
LET ME REPLY, YOUR EXCELLENCY, CLEARLY AND SUCCINCTLY:
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SHARES THAT COMMITMENT.

I BELIEVE MY VISIT TO HUNGARY AND THE TALKS WHICH
WE HAVE HAD HAVE BEEN MOST USEFUL. THEY HAVE AFFORDED
BOTH GOVERNMENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RE-EXAMINE, CLARIFY,
AND TO RE-STATE THE GENERAL POLICIES
GOVERNING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. EVEN MORE IMPORTANT,
THEY HAVE ENABLED US TO ENGAGE IN A DETAILED EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS AND TO AGREE ON REALISTIC PLANS FOR DEALING WITH
SEVERAL IMPORTANT PRACTICAL ISSUES WHICH CAN YIELD TANGIBLE
BENEFITS IN THE MONTHS TO COME. I AM AN OPTIMIST AND I
HOPE, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THAT YOU SHARE MY ADMITTEDLY
OPTIMISTIC VIEW THAT MY VISIT TO BUDAPEST CAN BE CONSIDERED
A FURTHER USEFUL STEP IN THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZING OUR
RELATIONS, AND OF SEEKING AVENUES FOR EXPANDING OUR
COOPERATION IN AREAS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT.

WHEN SECRETARY KISSINGER MET WITH YOU (MINISTER PUHA)
IN HELSINKI EARLY LAST MONTH, YOU BOTH EXPRESSED THE SAME
SENTIMENTS WHICH WE HAVE HEARD VOICED HERE THIS EVENING.
ALL THESE CONTACTS, AND AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED THE MORE
THE BETTER, SERVE TO ENLARGE THE POLITICAL DIALOGUE AND
TO ENABLE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US TO GAIN A BETTER GRASP,
A FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF THE VIEWPOINT, THE HOPES, AND
THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE OTHER.

MR. MINISTER, AS I PREPARE TO LEAVE HUNGARY AFTER AN ALL TOO SHORT VISIT, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR YOUR WARM HOSPITALITY, FOR THE OPEN, CIVILIZED AND CONSTRUCTIVE WAY IN WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO CARRY ON OUR TALKS, AND FOR THE DELIGHTFUL SAMPLE OF HUNGARIAN BEAUTY AND CHARM WHICH THIS VISIT PROVIDED FOR ME AND MRS. INGERSOLL. I RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES WITH WARM FEELINGS TOWARD HUNGARY, WITH A BROADER AND DEEPER COMPREHENSION OF YOUR COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE, AND WITH A REINFORCED CONVICTION THAT OUR IMPROVING RELATIONS, WHICH CANNOT FAIL TO BENEFIT YOUR CITIZENRY AND OURS, WILL STRENGTHEN WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO STAND WITH ME AS I RAISE MY GLASS IN A TOAST TO YOUR HEALTH, MR. MINISTER.

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TO THAT OF ALL OF YOUR COLLEAGUES HERE THIS EVENING AND TO THEIR LOVELY LADIES, TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF HUNGARY AND TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS.

END TEXT.

2. WE SEE NO NEED FOR ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE STATEMENTS.

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